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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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Application or Docket Number

10/025860

**CLAIMS AS FILED – PART I**

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

SMALL ENTITY

OR

OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	minus 20 = *	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	minus 3 = *	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

RATE	FEE
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X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
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RATE	FEE
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X \$ _____ =	
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\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED – PART II**

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

SMALL ENTITY

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SMALL ENTITY

AMENDMENT A	8/5/04	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	51	Minus	** 51	= —
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	3	Minus	*** 3	= —
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X \$ _____ =	
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RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

AMENDMENT B		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*		Minus	**	=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*		Minus	***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
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TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
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X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

AMENDMENT C		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*		Minus	***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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OR

OR

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
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X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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